

Town of Chesapeake City

Quarterly Newsletter

April 2013

Town Council, the Mayor and the staff at town hall will be providing an update to the residents, property owners and business owners of Chesapeake City on a quarterly basis. As many folks in town are busy and unable to attend town meetings the newsletter will give you an overview on what the town is working on and has achieved since your last water bill. We do encourage everyone in our community to attend meetings when time permits, our monthly "voting" meeting is the second Monday of the month, and the "workshop" meeting is the fourth Monday of the month. The town website is also an excellent source of information, for those with Internet access the address is www.chesapeakecitv-md.gov.

Public Works and Water/Sewer Departments-This quarter we need to start off with big congratulations to the town for completing the connection to Artesian water. The 87-1/2 % grant has made it possible to buy water from Delaware rather than operate our two expensive treatment plants. We have closed down our wells. The water meter project is moving ahead and about ½ the town now has the new meters. If you have not called about getting your new meter installed, you must contact town hall ay 410-885-5298. We must have access if your meter is in the house. If you are not sure, please call and make an appointment and we will find it for you. Please help us reduce interim financing costs as we cannot get the state funding until the project is complete. I'd like to remind all that left over and out of date prescription drugs should NOT be dumped into the toilet or allowed to enter our sewer system. The drugs kill the "bugs" that digest our sewage along with fish and wildlife in the bay. The County and town of Elkton both have hazardous chemical collection days where you can dispose of these safely with no questions asked. Just put them all in a zip lock bags and drop them off. Construction will start this month or early April on the water and sewer extension lines to the Bo Manor School. These new customer will help finance our sewer systems. With the weather improving and as we start cleaning up the yard, remember the town collects scrap metal to help fund the recycling in town. When it comes to yard waste, please compress the loads as much as possible as we pay by the load. Loose piles of branches can fill a truck quickly and cost us hundreds more a month. Please do all you can to help. The Bay Restoration Fund or FLUSH TAX as it has become affectionately know is being increased. Those who can prove a hardship can get some relief from this. Check our web site for more information or call town hall. Check our web site for collection information of TV's, Computers and all electronics. Chesapeake City has been the Top Recycling Town in Cecil County the last two years. We also received a State of Maryland award for 2012. It is TRULY a GREAT DAY in Chesapeake City-Ron Francis

Planning and Zoning. Parks and Recreation and Docks-Things have been pretty quiet since my last report. The Easter Egg hunt sponsored by the town was a huge success. Approximately 100 children attended. Even though the weather was cool and windy, a good time was had by all. I would like to thank Chris Wells who spearheaded this event as well as Frank Vari, Bert Wells, Trudy Carter, Meg Brezina, Andy Kosc, Barb Wilkers and Shane O'Hare for their help. The Parks and recreation committee is now working toward having Chesapeake City declared a Tree City. This is a statewide program we would like to see implemented here in town. Sandra Edwards is working with us to get things going in the right direction. That's all for this report. Hope to see you all about town during the coming months. Warm weather is on the way. - Elaine Shepard

<u>Public Relations, Chamber of Commerce and Little League</u> Solar Power at the Waste Water Treatment Facilities - We are looking for available Grants for the installation of Solar Panels at the North Waste Water Treatment Plant. This would provide power for all electric that is currently being paid for with our Town Budget. This will be a great savings for our town. Little League - Spring is just around the corner and signups are complete for this Little League season. Please come out and support our Little League teams. - Harry E. Sampson